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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: CARVER:CHAND FINAL MEETING WITH MACHEL

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1. I BELIEVE TI OF IMPORTANCE TO CORRECT THE STATEMENT
ON THE SUMMARY (REFTEL) TO THE EFFECT THAT MACHEL
CRITICIZED THE FACT THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE CONTACTS
WITH MUZOREWA SITHOLE. WHILE HE HIMSELF CONDEMNED THEM AND
REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF WHAT WE WERE SAYING TO THEM, HE NODDED
AT OUR STATEMENT OF CONTINUING CONTACT AND INDICATED
UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NEED TO DO SO.

2. MACHEL'S GENERAL ATTITUDE WAS MORE POSITIVE THAN
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WE HAD EXPECTED. HE GAVE US WHAT WAS VIRTUALLY A
COMMITMENT TO TRY TO ARRANGE AN EARLY MEETING
WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND HE EXPRESSED HIS
SATISFACTION WITH CARVER'S DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF OUR PLANS FOR THE CREATION OF A ZIMBABWE
NATIONAL ARMY. HIS MOOD WAS "GET ON WITH YOUR
NEGOTIATION AND WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP".BOWDLER

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